

REMARKS

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner English for the courtesies extended during an interview conducted on January 15, 2010. During the interview, Applicants' representative proposed amending independent Claim 1 to recite a method of making an air-bag including blow moulding a selected plastics material to form the air-bag utilizing a mould, whereby the mould is such that the moulded air-bag has at least one indented annular groove. Applicants' representative presented arguments to the Examiner that Spencer (U.S. Patent No. 6,619,689) fails to teach or suggest such an annular groove in combination with the other elements of independent Claim 1 and further noted that elements (269) shown in Figure 14 of Spencer cannot fairly be considered "annular grooves" given the plain and ordinary meaning of the terms "annular" and "groove." The Examiner seemed receptive to the foregoing arguments but indicated that further study of the prior art of record is required. No agreements were reached with respect to patentability. Furthermore, no exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted.

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 9-12 are now pending in the application. By this Paper, Claims 1, 5, 10, and 11 have been amended, Claim 12 has been added, and Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The basis for the foregoing amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to